

From the Editor

Transformation headlines this issue of *Military Review*, just as it consumes thinkers, planners and analysts inside and outside the Army. Will the US Army retain the world's premier heavy forces? Will tracked vehicles have a place in a "lighter, more lethal" service? Are strategic and tactical airlift capabilities aligned with the vision for ground technologies?

Understanding both the contemporary and the historical contexts for transformation is fundamental to visualizing the Army's future organization, equipment and missions. Articles in the lead section describe the landscape and also emphasize the constant imperatives of close combat and leader development.

Transformation extends beyond hardware, software and sinew. Without aligning the Reserve Component forces organizationally and exploiting them operationally, the Army cannot achieve full-spectrum dominance. Unless pre-positioned equipment properly complements strategic lift, the concept of power projection lacks real-world responsiveness. And until the Army recruits and retains enough quality soldiers, manpower will constrain the military's support of national security policy.

Even once soldiers, equipment and organizations are in place to meet emerging challenges, leaders will still struggle with age-old unit problems such as stress, fatigue and disease —and that's before considering the high-stakes complexity of traditional combat or burgeoning asymmetric threats. Welcome to the 21st Century.

Authors in this issue consider these wide-ranging concerns. And as always, the nation looks to its leaders for answers. If you don't have solutions right now, read on. If the Army does not successfully engage these dragons, it will be implementing someone else's ideas soon.

Let us know what you are thinking.

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